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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR

FURNACE-WORK PRODUCTION OF AN EXTRUDED STRING RIM PORTION ON

AN OBJECT AND ARTICLE

COMPRISING SUCH AN OBJECT

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Communication mailed March 1, 2002, Applicants submit herewith:

- (1) a marked-up version of the amended specification, attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (2) a clean copy of the amended specification, attached hereto as Exhibit B;
- (3) a marked-up version of the amended claims, attached hereto as Exhibit C; and
- (4) a clean copy of the claims that will be pending as of entry of the instant amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as originally submitted as follows:

Title, replace in its entirety with -- Process for Fashioning Superposed

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